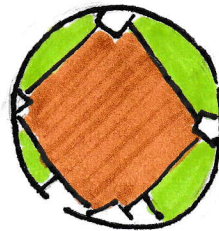


# VANCOUVER

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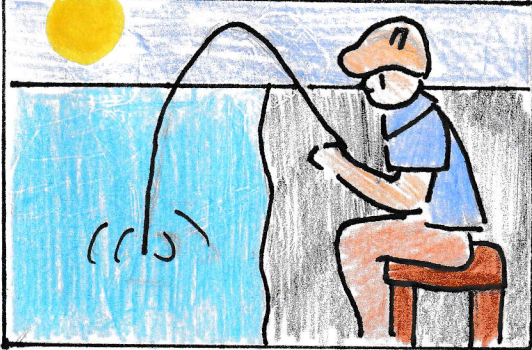


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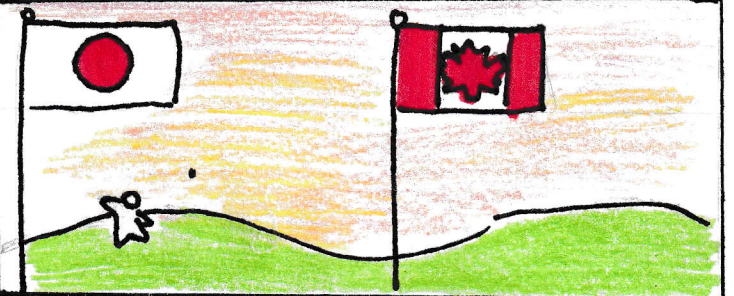
1877 is when Japanese immigrants first started to settle in British Columbia



We got jobs as fishermen, miners and agricultural workers



In 1914, Vancouver formed the Asahi baseball team.



All players were Japanese Canadians.

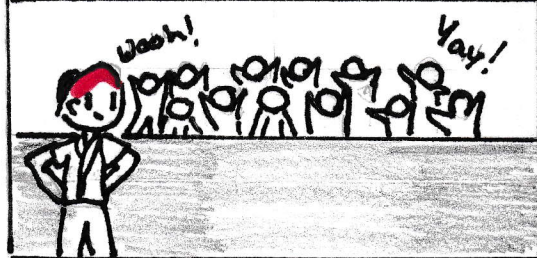
On the streets, we weren't welcomed.



We were one of the best teams in the Pacific Northwest.

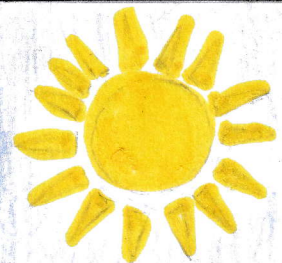
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But on the field, they cheered for us.

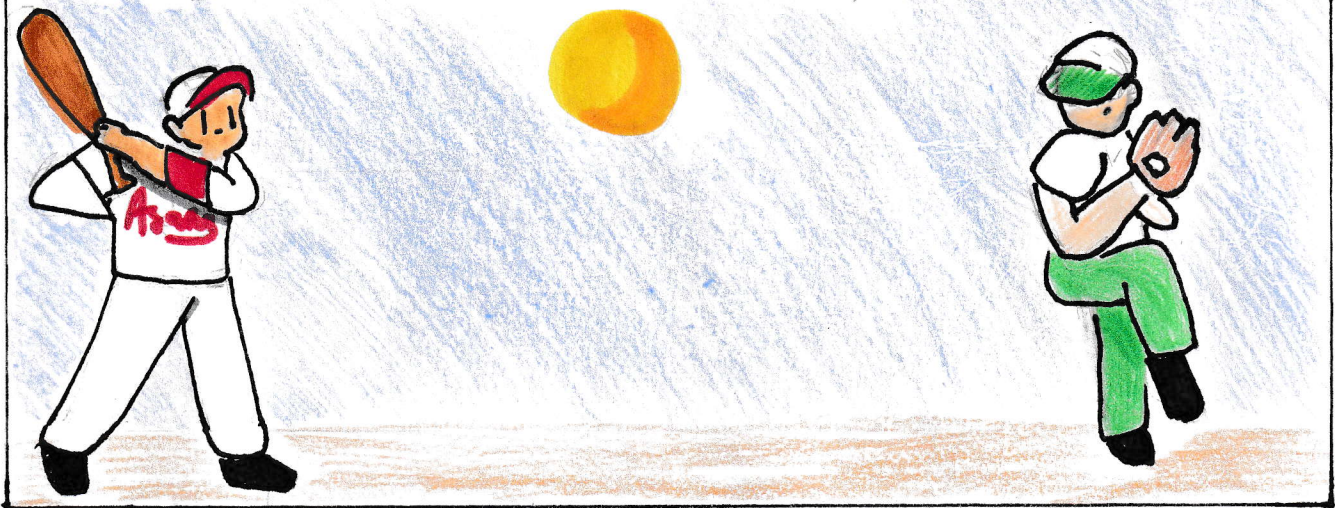


In 1941, Canada declared war with Japan.

Our last game was in Oppenheimer Park September 18, 1941.



Local Shops closed to watch us play.



This game would be special to us.



It kept us going.



We won it.



Not just for the team.

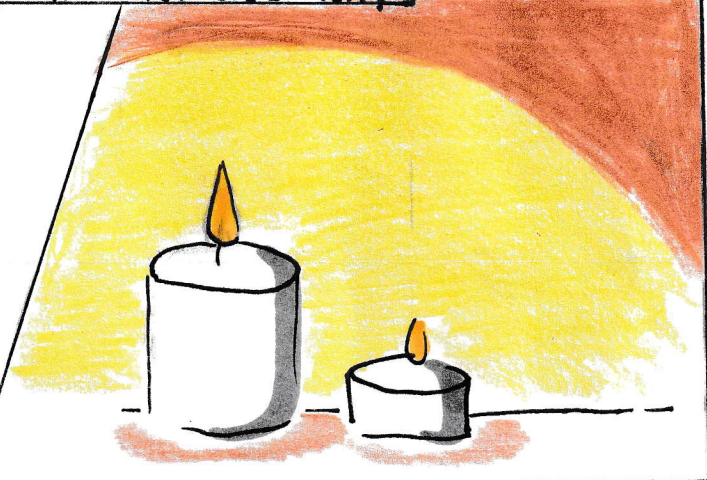
But for Vancouver.



In 1942, the team disbanded when about 22,000 Japanese Canadians were put in internment camps.

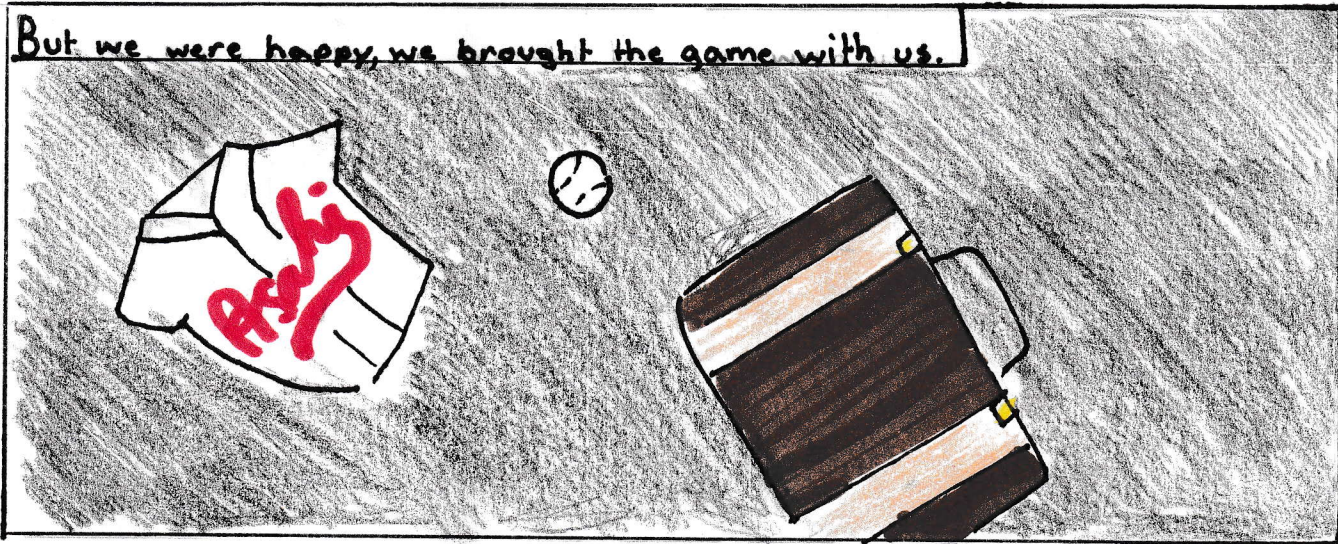


In the camps we had no running water nor electricity.



It was very difficult for us in the work camps.

But we were happy, we brought the game with us.



We started to make teams and teach others how to play.

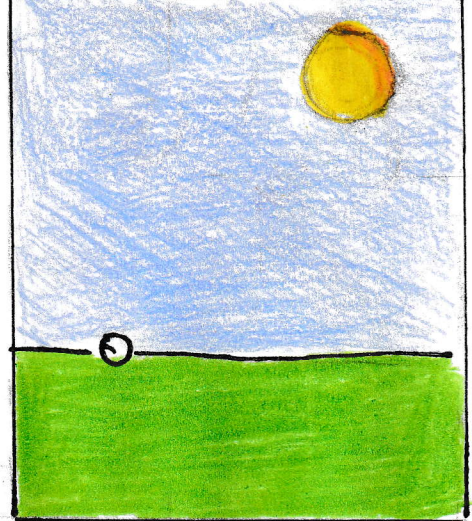


We even played against others.

Sometimes, even the guards played.



After the internment camp, the team split up.



In 2003, we were inducted into the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame, and in 2005, into the BC Sports Hall of Fame.



*Asahi*

We even earned a film in Japan.

The game stayed alive.

**THE END**